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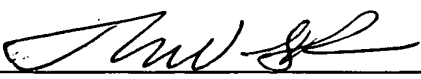
Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Haran for the indication of allowed subject matter. In the office action dated June 21, 2004 the Examiner restricted claims 12 and 16 as directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Claims 1-4, 8 and 13 were previously canceled. Claims 5-7, 9-11 and 14-15 were indicated as allowed. While the Examiner has failed to provide evidence that there is a serious burden on the Examiner which is a criteria for a proper restriction requirement (see, MPEP § 803), in order to expedite the prosecution of this case by this amendment Applicants' representative elects with traverse claims 5-7, 9-11 and 14-15, and cancels claims 12 and 16 without prejudice.

Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art, Applicants' representative respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this paper. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss prompt resolution of any remaining issues necessary to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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